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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

ROBERT GEE

EXPERT...
Chimney
Furnace
and Carpet

Cleaner

and General Jobbing

Leave orders at General Delivery
36-4 CLARESHOLM P.O.

SKATES SHARPENED

There is no pleasure in trying
to skate with dull skates, and
do not ruin a good pair of
skates by poor sharpening.

J. G. REES Woodworker,
Opposite Skating Rink
Will Sharpen Your Skates Scientifically
32-4c (Hollow-Ground)

H. O. HASLAM

Barister and Notary Public
Solicitor for:
THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE
THE TOWN OF CLARESHOLM
Claresholm Alberta

CAR LOAD

Secondhand Furniture

JUST ARRIVED

Your Inspection

Cordially Invited

Anything and Everything
for the Home

Auction Sale on
Friday Afternoon
Dec. 24th

Store Opp. the Wilton Hotel

L. GILES, - Prop.

Local and General

Schools will be closed for the
Christmas holidays on Thursday.

A skating carnival will be held on
the 7th of January.

Wm. Murray left last week for
Great Falls, Mont.

Mr. Robert Henderson, one of
Claresholm's old-timers, is in town
looking after his interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murray have
gone to Edmonton and will spend
Christmas with Mr. C.S. Hotchkiss.

Mr. N. G. Holmes has received
the Provincial Government appointment
of Official Auditor.

The skating rink opened on Sat-
urday night. Admission was free
for the opening. A large crowd
was there and had a good time.

Mrs. A. L. Clements and daughter,
of High River, are spending the
holidays with Mayor Holmes and
family.

The Dominion Bank have re-
moved their furniture and fixings
from their old premises. Their
lease expires at the end of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lebow and
family and Mr. E. J. Dahlstrom
motored over to Vulcan last Sunday.

Mr. W. T. Rigby, who has been
a visitor here for some time, has
returned to his home at Pendleton,
Oregon. Mr. Rigby was at one
time a resident of this district.

A very enjoyable time was spent
at the home of Mrs. Schaman's
when the friends of the neighbor-
hood gathered in a surprise party.
Friday night. Dancing was the
amusement of the evening.

The United Farmers of Alberta
held their annual meeting on Satur-
day, the 18th of Dec. at Parish hall.
The attendance being small, an ac-
count of the sale, the meeting was
adjourned to Monday, Dec. 27th,
and will be held in the room next
to the Auditorium office.

On Christmas morning at 11 a.m.
divine service will be held in St.
John's Church, to which everyone
is most cordially invited. The sub-
ject of the address will be "Christ-
mas and the War."

On New Year's Eve a watch night
service will be held in the town
this year. The service will be in St.
John's Church, commencing at 11
p.m.

The Sunday School of St. John's
Church will have their annual
Christmas Tree on Tuesday after-
noon next, from 3 to 5 o'clock. The
event will take place this year at
Mrs. Reincke's.

The Rev. H. M. Henderson went
to Lethbridge on Monday to attend
the military funeral of the late Vin-
cent Davies, of Grassy Lake, and a
member of the 14th A.S.C., Leth-
bridge. Mr. Davies underwent an
operation for appendicitis only a
week before, from which he never
recovered. He was only 20 years of
age. Lieut. P. Nabel and Sergt.
Major W. J. Moorehead of the 14th
A.S.C., were also present.

On Tuesday, a few hours of warm
sun melted the ice on the railway
south of town, opposite R.N.W.M.P.
barracks, and flooded street and
footpath and flowed down the side
street and into the cellars of several
houses. Some think the water is
coming from the C.P.R. ditch along-
side the tracks, and others are of
the opinion that it is from a broken
water pipe. Whatever the cause it
should be attended to at once.

Mr. W. R. Lindsay will spend
Christmas at Nanton.

Mr. Wm. C. Brown, from Nanton
was in town Wednesday.

Private Harry Maxwell is in town
this week.

L. G. Shortland left on Tuesday
evening for Winnipeg.

Mr. J. R. Watt was in Calgary
this week attending the meetings of
the Alberta Law Society.

Rumor has it that one of our
only school teachers will be married
shortly.

Wm. C. Wood, of The Advertiser
staff, will go to Calgary on Friday to
spend the holiday with his family.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presby-
terian church held a very successful
Tea in the room next The Advertiser
office, last Saturday.

Inspector Tucker and Constable
Langenhoff went to Macleod on
Wednesday to attend the sitting of
the Supreme Court.

Constable Langenhoff is leaving
this week on a two months' vaca-
tion. He is going to Humboldt,
Sask.

Miss Gertrude Chambers, who is
attending the high school at Cal-
gary, came home last Friday night,
and will spend the holidays with
her parents.

Girl Wanted—To learn typewriting. Must be over 15 years of
age and have a good public school
education. Light work and regular
hours. Must live in town. Apply
Claresholm Advertiser.

R. J. Vance, of Meadow Creek,
is entering for the Calgary Herald
road race, on Christmas. He has
just returned from a success at
hunting trip, to Happy Valley, and
brought home the venison. May he
bring home the "bacon" from Cal-
gary.

A certain gentleman who hap-
pened to be in our office last week
telling a drunk man the same re-
mark of the hotel clerk is worth re-
cording: "Any fool can initiate a
drunk man, but it takes a mighty
crazy drunk man to initiate another one."

No more deadlines will be carried
in our subscription list after the
first of the year. We are offering
subscribers good value for their
money. One dollar will pay for the
paper till Dec. 31, 1916, and this
offer is good only until the end of
this month. The regular price is
\$1.50 per month.

Mr. E. G. Barber's Christmas
trade in house-made early English
plain pudding and cakes has been
very brisk during the past week.
His display is very tempting and at-
tractive. The icing on the cakes is
quite artistic and made by a new
process. It does not get hard, but
remains soft and creamy.

A party of visitors down from
Saskatchewan report that an elevator there
which is filled to capacity with grain,
has, owing to the tremendous weight,
shifted its position and gone out of
plumb. The building has with-
stood to put the scales out of bal-
ance, and it may have to be emptied
of its cargo.

An outbreak, belonging to Mr.
Frank Hannigan, was stolen from
the Wilton Hotel on Tuesday. The
police got busy and arrested A. Win-
son as he was leaving on the south
train Tuesday night. When ap-
peared before Mayor Holmes and
C. H. Brown, J.P., on Wednesday,
he seemed guilty and was sentenced
to 6 months' hard labor at the
Macleod barracks.

A. M. Wynn, of Staveley, was a
visitor to Claresholm on Wednesday.
He reports that the Alberta Pacific
Elevator Co. is building an addition
to their elevator. He also reports
that the Prairie Deland and has
held social on the 17th inst. was a
great success, the union cleaning up
about \$100.

W. T. Cochran, of the Alberta
Pacific Elevator Co., was on the
jack at the Hart number case at
Macleod.

CARMANGAY

(From The S. N.)

The old proverb "Where there's
a will there's a way," has been re-
vised to suit the situation. It now
reads "Where there's a will there's
a way."

Mr. John Houser had his foot
badly smashed on Saturday last
when a wagon containing over 100
bushels of wheat ran over it.

Carmangay has shipped 608,000
bushels of grain since Sept. 1st of
this year.

At the annual meeting of the
Agricultural Society of Carmangay,
which was held on Dec. 20th, it
was found that after paying for all
expenses, including prize money,
there was still a small balance on
the right side of the ledger.

Public School Honor Roll

Below is the Honor Roll for this
term.

Honor conditions: A term per-
centage of 85, not more than eight
half days absence, and no unexcused
absence or tardiness.

Grade VII—Mary Pierce, Anna
Farrar, Daisy Boudreau, Marie
Thibault, Ruth Annabel, John
Pierce.

Grade VI—Dean Whitehead, Alice
Whitehead, James Clark, Orel
Whitely, Helen Thibault, Lena
Amundsen, Jean Ladlaw, Leonard
Pierce.

Grade IV—Marion Fraser, Anna
Jones, Edna Strangways, Ede
Hopper, Rose Caldwell, Grace Wal-
ker.

Grade III—Donald Moffatt, Laura
Gries, Helen McDonald, Clara Es-
mond.

Grade II—Olefred Reynolds,
Ralph Porter, Agnes Erickson, Geo.
Simonsen, Irene Gronow.

Honor conditions in the Primary
department are based on attendance
only.

Grade I—Wong Yen, Marion
Mines, Helen Brown, Lillian Bay-
er, John Edlund, James Ladlaw,
Dorothy Vanloren, Anna Valdes,
Nellie Parlier, Lloyd Workman.

Ray Burdum, Mildred Thomas,
Fay Porter, Harold Price, Dumas
McKinnon, Douglas Kingdon, Ed-
ward Fraser, John Reynolds, Clara
Davidson, Hannah Paulson, Alberta
Gronow, Maggie Valdes, Harold
Nelson, Muriel Boudreau, Alberta
Maxwell.

Patriotic Meetings at Staveley and Parkland

A Patriotic Meeting was held last
week at Bruhn's hall, Staveley. Mr.
Fred Dillon was in the chair. Ten
speakers were Messrs. Tweedie and
Glendinning, both members of the
Legislative Assembly. They gave
invited addresses, urging the neces-
sity of a vigorous campaign for
funds. The slogan was "Fight or
Pay." A committee was formed
and the district divided into school
districts and canvassers appointed
for each. The attendance would
have been better if the weather had
been more favorable.

In the evening the speakers held
a similar meeting in the hall at
Parkland.

General News Notes

Lord Derby's recruiting scheme
has been a success as indicated by
latest despatches.

It is reported that British sol-
diers have been active in Tur-
kish waters and have sunk several
enemy craft.

Two and a half million men in
Britain joined the colors as the
result of a nine weeks' recruiting
campaign.

Canada exports nearly millions
more of war orders. There will be
a gradual shrinkage of orders sent
to the United States.

Lord Derby, speaking at a meet-
ing in London, said: "Probably the
result will come sooner than many
expect, a result which will be a
victory for the allied forces."

An American legion is being for-
med for service with the Canadian
Army. The idea was originated by
the American Club, of Toronto, and
all native born United States men
who can pass the physical test may
join. Recruiting posters are now up.

The most important war news of
the week is the announcement that
Russia has taken Varna, Bulgaria's
old Black Sea port. The London
Daily Chronicle says that the bom-
bardment of the Russians silenced
the Bulgarian guns and laid the
town in ruins. They then landed
sufficient force to hold the city.

Washington Herald, husband of
Mrs. Jennie Hawkes (or what passed
as an indication of a husband),
whose death sentence was commuted
to ten years' imprisonment, was
accidentally killed on Dec. 17th, by
a gasoline engine, at Lewisville,
Alta. What is wanted now is a
few pounds for this unfortunate
man so that he may enjoy his
liberty and peace for his few re-
maining years.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, solicitor-
general, speaking at a meeting of
the Grain Growers' Association, at
Portage la Prairie, referred to the
necessity of raising funds for relief
purposes and expressed the opinion
that "it was the function of the
Government to raise such money by
way of taxation and in this manner
all would be forced to assist. . . . A
great deal has been said about tax-
ing the munition makers, and I for
one am in accord with that idea."

This is a world of discontent.
Andy Carnegie says it is one of his
life regrets that he didn't become a
newspaper man. A 4 million of
newspaper men are suffering the
pangs of regret because they didn't
become steel magnates.

Willow Bend Dairy

We wish Our Customers

A Merry Christmas

MILK Delivered Bottled CREAM
Daily

High-Testing Cows. Rich Milk. Prompt Service

J. H. WALTON, Phone R 1104

We extend the Season's Greetings
and wish you and those whose
happiness is yours a full measure of
Christmas joy and success for the
New Year.

E. G. BARBER'S BAKERY
SHELVER STREET, CLARESHOLM

Care of Country Roads

Deterioration of Roads in the Winter Time Can Be Prevented if Proper Methods Are Followed

War, not cold, is the cause of the deterioration of roads in winter. It is not the frost that does the damage, but the water which it carries. A dirt road, no matter whether it is gravel, earth, gravel or macadam, in fact, an earth road will stand more traffic when it is solidly frozen than when it is soft. Even water, however, is always detrimental to a highway. When cold weather turns this water into ice, the damage that it does is greatly increased. Ice occupies considerably more space than the water from which it is formed, and every person who has lived in a cold climate is familiar with the painful bursting of pipes. When left to freeze in a confined space, ice takes action to find its way out. A wet road freezes to any considerable depth. It simply hardens, or, as we generally term it in road parlance, the road heaves. Later, when the frost ceases, the road is disintegrated and runs badly if it is not repaired. A number of times during the winter, a gravel macadam road may be practically destroyed, while an earth road may be entirely impassable.

A dry road will not heave. Rock, gravel, sand and even clay when properly dry contract and expand on freezing. In order to expand on freezing, the material must contain or be mixed with water, and the more water, the greater the expansion which takes place. So long as the road remains frozen the damage does not become apparent. Hence the frequent and the more the water is allowed to freeze into the road. The heavy loads from the trucks and cars, which freeze the surface of the road, and the particles of earth and gravel which are frozen into the road, are pushed apart by the expanding power of the freezing water. The water merely allows the ice to melt and separate. It is certain that the road will never be as good as it was.

Keep the ditches and drains open. Remove all accumulations of weeds, grass, etc., which tend to prevent water from flowing freely. Vegetation and litter which come out all right the following spring. Keep the ditches and drains open. Remove all accumulations of weeds, grass, etc., which tend to prevent water from flowing freely. Vegetation and litter which come out all right the following spring.

Keep the road dry and remember that so long as it remains so it will not be seriously injured by frost. Keep the drains open, the ditches clear, and the water flowing freely, and use the road frequently. If it is not used frequently, it will freeze to a depth of two feet below the surface there will be a terrible trouble from the coldest winter.

Profitable Crop Rotation

Proper Cultivation is the Central Aim in All Crop Rotation Systems

The most profitable crop rotation does not consist merely in changing crops, but in the proper cultivation of the crops. It is not the rotation of crops to which the central aim is given, but the proper cultivation of the crops. It is not the rotation of crops to which the central aim is given, but the proper cultivation of the crops.

Dr. Chase's New Food
Mastery of the Air
Strides Made by Britain in Post War
Nothing Short of Marvelous
The first time since the outbreak of the war newspaper correspondents have been allowed to inspect the great army of British soldiers in the field. Recently six newspaper correspondents were escorted by an officer of the army and visited several of the principal bases in England. It was a very interesting and instructive trip, and the correspondents were able to see the army in action in a way that they had never before.

Canada Will Profit From Alaska Work
A number of estimates have been made of the work being done by the United States in Alaska. It is believed that the work done in Alaska will be of great benefit to Canada. The work done in Alaska will be of great benefit to Canada. The work done in Alaska will be of great benefit to Canada.

How Well It Takes Two to Make a Wife
What's just a little bit of a wife? What's just a little bit of a wife? What's just a little bit of a wife?

A Diving Projectile

To Be Used on New French Gun to Bury Foe in Trenches

The great French advances which it is to clear the German invaders out of Belgium and France will be preceded by a new kind of warfare. It is a new kind of warfare, a new kind of warfare. It is a new kind of warfare, a new kind of warfare. It is a new kind of warfare, a new kind of warfare.

Good-Bye, Old Backache
Nervine Will Fix You!
Stiffness is Rubbed Right Out: Every Sign of Pain Disappears
Go with this of it. Go with this of it. Go with this of it.

Would Not Be Without Baby's Own Tablets
Thousands of mothers throughout Canada have written of their thankfulness to the Baby's Own Tablets. They have written of their thankfulness to the Baby's Own Tablets. They have written of their thankfulness to the Baby's Own Tablets.

Minard's Liniment Cures Disasters
Seed, Tillage and Tillage
The peculiar advantage of large harrows is that while the cost of production increases with the weight of the harrow, the cost of production increases with the weight of the harrow.

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So Good for Children

Millions of pounds of delicious "Crown Brand" Corn Syrup are sold every year for the children. They know it is a food—their mothers know it is a food—their mothers know it is a food.

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IS THE BEST FOOD FOR INVALIDS
It aids digestion.

A Refilling Feature
added to
A Successful Pen
makes the NEW
Pocket Self-Filling Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen

Ask to see this new type. There are also Safety and Regular Types. Illustrated booklet sent on request. Avoid imitations.
Sold By Your Local Dealer
L. F. Waterman Company, Limited, Montreal

Women Know

that they cannot afford to be ill. They must keep themselves in the best of health at all times. Most of all, the digestive system must be kept in good working order. Knowing the importance of this, many women have derived help from

Beecham's Pills

These safe, sure, vegetable pills quickly rid the conditions that cause headache, languor, constipation and biliousness. They are free from habit-forming drugs. They do not irritate or weaken the bowels.

Women find that relieving the small ills promptly, prevents the development of big ones. They depend on Beecham's Pills to tone, strengthen and

Keep Them Well

Director, with Every Box of Special Value in Women's and Children's, 10 Boxes, 25 Cents.

Bacon Cheapest Meat Food

In the course of a lecture on Health in War Time in London, by Professor Hamilton, the lecturer in speaking of meats said that because of the dearth of all, even at the present moment, meat, he thought that the bacon bill would be advised the householder to prevent it to feed of bacon, because a pound of it was all of good meat, whereas a pound of beef, was after all, mostly water.

So he praised the pig as giving better food than any other animal. He said that the pig was the best kind of animal to keep, because it was the most profitable to feed, and one of the most profitable it was a cheap, necessary, and economical animal.

No child should be allowed to eat for an hour from sweets when prompt relief can be got by a simple, safe, effective remedy—Small's Kidney Pills.

Governor-General Sir Hasting has signed an order for the construction of 400,000 francs (10,000,000 francs) for the construction of the army and the cost of administration of the occupying territory. The construction of the army and the cost of administration of the occupying territory.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garglet in Cans.
A Highlander with baggage entered the street and commenced his plain five-day, at the same time making up his mind to the fact that he was in a hurry to get to the place where he was to go.

"I don't know," answered the lady, "nearly unless it is to prevent you from getting to the place with the 'bus'."

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RUSSIA CAN CAUSE MILLIONS OF SOLDIERS FOR WHEN NEEDED

THE SHORTAGE OF ARMS IS THE ONLY DRAWBACK

When the Proper Equipment is Obtained, at Least Two Million Additional Soldiers will be Thrown into the Field, a new Force for the Enemy to Reckon With

"Russia is now suffering only for want of food, and such aid as is possible is being supplied," said a Russian official. "Soldiers will be thrown into the field with rifles, but only one in five will be equipped with arms. The shortage of arms is the only drawback to the Russian army." This statement was made by a Russian official who is in charge of the armaments department in the Russian capital, Moscow. He said that the Russian army is now suffering from a shortage of arms, and that this is the only drawback to the Russian army. He said that the Russian army is now suffering from a shortage of arms, and that this is the only drawback to the Russian army.

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What Drives a Man to Drink

The Man Who Frequently Gets Drunk Is of Unsound Mind and as Such Should be Treated

The London Times, in its issue of 1915, has an article under the above title. The article is a study of the man who frequently gets drunk. It is a study of the man who frequently gets drunk, and it is a study of the man who frequently gets drunk. The article is a study of the man who frequently gets drunk, and it is a study of the man who frequently gets drunk.

What Kansas Says

Some of the Benefits of the Prohibition Law

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BRITISH HOPE IN THE PRESENT WAR BASED ON NAVAL HISTORY

STRATEGY OF GERMANY FORESHADOWS DEFEAT

One of the Foremost British Writers on Naval Matters, says that no War can be Brought to a Successful Issue Unless Those in Responsible Positions are Given Good Support

L. Cecil Jane, author of "The Interpretation of History," and one of the foremost British writers on naval matters, has written an analysis of the German strategy in the present naval war. In the 1915 issue of "Fighting Ships," edited and founded by Fred J. Jane, which has just reached this country. Under the title "Historical Analyses and the Naval War," he goes into the details of the German strategy in the present naval war. He goes into the details of the German strategy in the present naval war, and it is a study of the man who frequently gets drunk.

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Graphic Story of a Raid on a German Cellar

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Decline of Beef Production

Stock Raisers are Sure to Make Money During the Next Few Years

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Five Minutes' Truce

Recessed Without Soldier Who Cried With Joy

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War and Medical Practice

Movement for the Nationalization of the Practice of Medicine

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The Rural School System

We are giving, this week, space to a report on Consolidated Schools in the Barons district, to which we hope our readers will give careful attention. Below we publish another report by Inspector C. Sanson, of Macleod district, taken from the annual report of the Department of Education, giving the inspector's opinion of the present rural school system, and by reading the two one will get a good idea of the views held by men in close touch with our public school system, and who are deeply interested in educational matters. The only suggestion we have to offer is that if the present system is not giving satisfactory results it should be discontinued. The cause of education is too important to our general welfare to be built up on a false or poor foundation. The success of our rural schools means a whole lot to this province.

"With each year's experience in rural school work I am coming to question more and more the utility and general effectiveness of the small district system of rural school administration. Keeping during the earliest stage of a country's development there seems more to be said against than in favour of this system. As a financing agent at least, the local board has sufficiently demonstrated its own incompetency. But this by no means exhausts the inherent weakness of the system. Local and trifling disputes involving the trustees, the teachers, and the patrons of the school result in unnecessary changing of teachers.

Often the taxpayers are split into opposing factions over some question of school administration and the cause of education in the community is made to suffer thereby. The inequality in the size of districts and the resulting inequality in the tax rate give rise to constant agitation for the transference of land from one district to another, leading to no end of trouble and dissatisfaction. In several communities it is imperative the present system has made it possible for a few parasitic voters to delay almost indefinitely the providing of needed school facilities. These are but a few of the disadvantages that have come particularly to our notice during the past year. In fact the advantages of a large unit as set forth in the Report of the Committee of Twelve on Rural Schools must appeal strongly to most people who have had experience with the inconsistencies and shortcomings of the small district system. If municipal affairs in general can be effectively administered over a unit area containing 15 or more school districts, then it seems not unreasonable to suppose that, in some parts of the province at least, greater efficiency and economy might result from the adoption of a larger geographical unit for the entire local administration of school affairs."

Re Consolidated Schools

The following is a report submitted on the above subject which we think will be of interest to a large class of our readers:

Department of Education, Dec. 10, 1915
Mr. G. Simpson,
Re: School Board,
Sir,—Re Barons Consolidated S. D. I visited Barons Dec. 9th, and beg to submit the following for the information of your Board regarding the result of consolidation:—

EFFECT OF ATTENDANCE

(A) Junior room—Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

Enrolled, Attendance

September 40 95.75

October 40 95.64

November 41 96.87

December 43 90.02

On Dec. 9th—a rather stormy day—there were 38 present in this room and 20 of these were brought in the vans.

(B) Intermediate room—Grades 4, 5, 6, and 7

Enrolled, Attendance

September 40 92.5

October 41 90.02

November 40 82.82

On December 9th there were 33 present, of whom 22 were brought in vans.

The falling off in attendance in November was due to a diphtheria scare in one district and one van was deserted for a few days. There were three pupils who entered at the middle of the month, and this also lessened the percentage of the room for the month.

(C) Senior room—Grades 8, 9, 10 and 11

Enrolled, Attendance

September 22 97.8

October 22 90.8

November 22 96.22

Of these present on Dec 9th, 67% were from rural districts.

CONCLUSIONS REGARDING ATTENDANCE

(1) Since the school opened the vans have reported daily, with the exception of one van one day, and on this occasion the van driver quit without notice, a rather remarkable record.

(2) The number in actual attendance is larger than under the old system, and the percentage of attendance is quite equal to that of any city or town district. In fact the teachers report that the percentage of attendance of rural pupils is slightly higher than that of the village pupils.

(3) The number of country pupils in the higher grades is double the number of village pupils, showing that consolidation is proving a boon to the rural districts in offering the advantages of higher education. The majority of these from rural schools would not have had this opportunity but for consolidation as they were unable to afford the expense necessary away from home.

(4) The pupils were unanimous in stating that they found the vans comfortable and that they enjoyed coming to school in this manner.

ASSESSMENT, TAXES AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

(1) There are seven districts included in the consolidation, four of which have been operating schools, and three were new districts. The mode of assessment is as a village district.

(2) The total assessment is \$1,285.00, and that of Barons S. D. is \$240,000. In the village all kinds of buildings and mercantile stocks were assessed. In the rural parts, the land only was assessed.

Farm lands situated in the former Barons S. D. were assessed at \$3.50 per quarter, while other lands were assessed at from \$3.20 to \$2.70 (or lower) according to distance from Barons and the quality of the soil.

The rate of taxation was 3 mills, which makes an average of \$10 per quarter section or 10¢ per acre. The rate in Barons before consolidation was at least 4 mills higher. Lindy S. D., \$10 (approx.) per quarter, or about \$4 per quarter higher than under consolidation. The rate in Windland before consolidation was \$15 per quarter. Gledendale S. D., \$10 to \$12. The school was frequently not in operation.

The rate is the same as, or slightly lower, than in Dollar Lake S. D., which is adjacent to the consolidated S. D.

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(C) The vans cost \$216.00 each cash. Equipment such as rugs and foot warmers was extra. The van drivers furnish team and harness. He receives \$47 per day during each day the school is in operation. If the distance travelled in going and coming does not exceed 16 miles Mileage is paid in addition for the distance exceeding 16 miles.

The van drivers are bonded at \$250. There are under the authority of the principal and forfeit half a day's pay for each time they arrive late unless a reasonable excuse is offered satisfactory to the board.

No passengers or merchandise may be carried in the vans. The vans carry at least 16 comfortably.

The vans are the property of the Consolidated S. D.

Consolidation is proving eminently satisfactory in the Barons district.

I trust that the above report may be suggestive to your board in concluding and educational campaign with a view to securing consolidation in your vicinity.

J. E. HODGSON,
Inspector of Schools.

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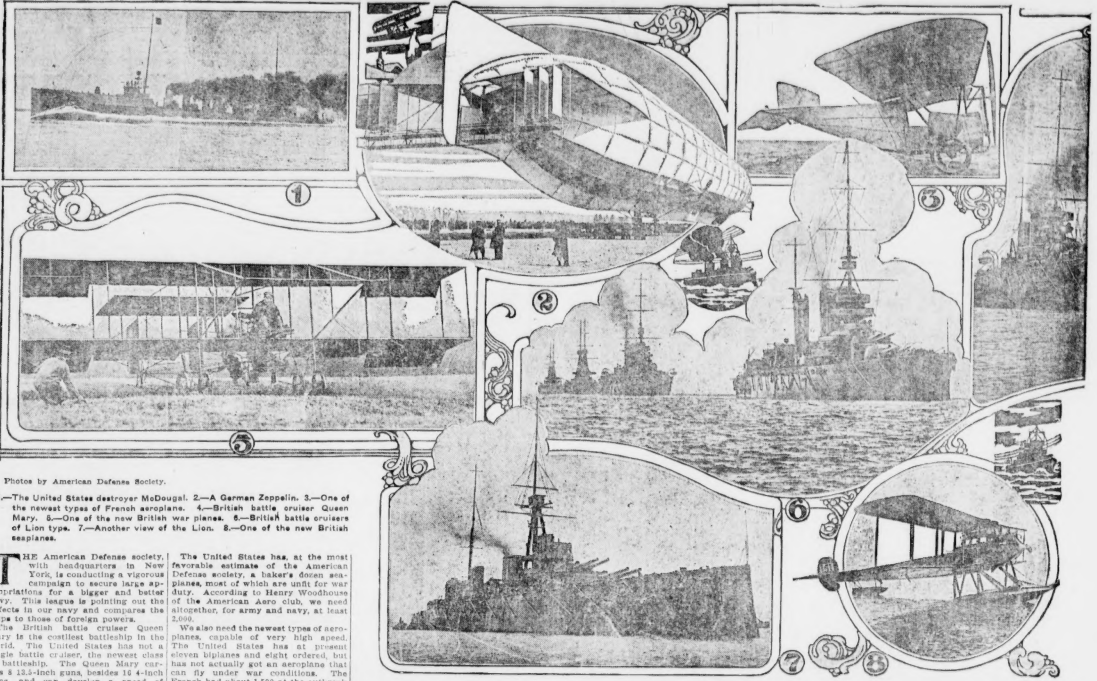
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1.—The United States destroyer McDougal. 2.—A German Zeppelin. 3.—One of the newest types of French airplanes. 4.—British battle cruiser Queen Mary. 5.—One of the new British war planes. 6.—French battle cruiser of the type. 7.—Another view of the Queen Mary. 8.—One of the new British airplanes.

THE American Defense society, with headquarters in New York, is conducting a vigorous campaign to secure large appropriations for a bigger and better navy. This league is pointing out the defects in our navy and comparing the ships to those of foreign powers.

The British battle cruiser Queen Mary is the fastest battleship in the world. The United States has not a single battle cruiser, writes Henry Reuterbach, "could in one sweep crush our entire Pacific fleet, destroy our military dragoon at Olongapo, in the Philippines, cross the sea and sail every unfortified city on the Pacific coast from Alaska to San Diego, meanwhile sailing in our own ports, and nothing of ours could overtake or destroy it."

The United States has, at the most favorable estimate of the American Defense society, a lack of a dozen airplanes, most of which are unfit for war duty. According to Henry Woodhouse of the American Aero club, we need altogether for army and navy, at least 2,000.

We also need the newest type of airplanes, capable of very high speed. The United States has at present eleven biplanes and eight or nine, but has not actually got an airplane that can fly under war conditions. The French had about 1,500 at the outbreak of the war, the English and Germans almost as many. Altogether, including the sea planes, we have less than twenty, according to the American Defense society.

A German Zeppelin photographed at the Berlin fair before the outbreak of the war is shown above. This is the type which has been raiding London and the English coast. The United States has one dirigible now under construction for purposes of military use.

The Atlantic torpedo flotilla is the most war ready unit of our navy. We have forty modern destroyers, but according to recommendations of the general board of the navy, we should have 125, or four for each battleship.

For the first time in the history of the country when not actually confronted by war, as was the case in 1918, army and navy experts have apparently adopted the policy of presenting to congress the actual needs of the service, as demonstrated by the present war.

In past years the general board of the navy has made its report—and on the whole, a consistent report—and the secretary of the navy has thereupon, with the advice of political leaders in the senate and house of representatives, decided upon just how little the country would accept. It frequently happened that these recommendations of the secretary, themselves a modification of the general board recommendations,

were still further curtailed in congress until today both army and navy are in the appalling state of unpreparedness which has so ruined the whole country.

Today, according to all expert opinion, the United States needs forty-eight dreadnaughts to enable it to fulfill its naval obligations, to protect its commerce and to repel an enemy. We have but seven such ships actually in commission, with seven more building or authorized.

We have about 20,000 mobile troops to the United States scattered around in a number of army posts. The annual appropriation for the needs of the army is \$120,000,000, and the total recruiting strength is a little short of the authorized limit of 1,000,000 men. This makes the annual cost of every soldier in the United States army a little over \$1,000. The annual cost of every soldier in the Swiss army is \$110.

On going into battle it would be exactly in the position of a man who undertakes to fight an opponent blindfolded. We need more than a flotilla of at least six swift battle cruisers carrying in their main batteries guns of the highest caliber. We need more destroyers of the latest and swiftest type to discover the enemy's whereabouts in time of need.

The submarine as an engine of war has not yet been satisfactorily tested out. The success of the German submarine, which for so long a time filled the public mind, was mainly against humanitarianism. It, of course, goes without saying that on some summer or damage upon the English merchant feet could have been accomplished by any speedy warship without half of the danger and expense of a submarine had Germany been able to get her war fleet upon the North sea. Still, it is not to be questioned that an adequate fleet of submarine destroyers should be provided for the American navy. We have no submarine in commission part of the existing type, although ten are building or authorized.

SLIDE AT CANAL WILL IMPROVE THE WATERWAY

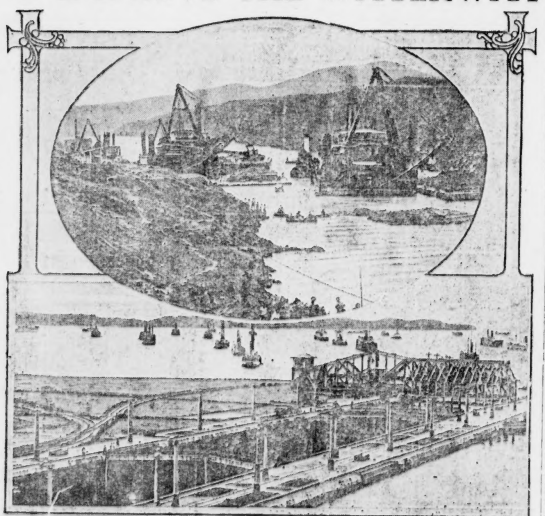


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Latest Slide in Panama Canal and Ships Waiting to Pass Through.

THU great slide in Gatland cut of the Panama canal, which has choked that part of the minimum of cubic yards of rock and dirt until the channel is only about twenty feet in width, while the depth had been reduced from forty-five feet to varying depths of from three to fifteen feet, was clearly foreseen as long ago as October of last year.

For months before the sudden giving of the great mass into the canal General Goethals, governor of the canal zone, and his associates worked day and night keeping the channel clear, their confidence being such that had the slide continued it was slowly the engineering staff would have been able to free the threatened part of the cut as fast as the dirt and rock came in. This statement was made by Brigadier General H. P. Hodges, U. S. A., who went his promotion to his present rank last year was assistant chief engineer of the canal and who knows every foot of the waterway from the Atlantic to the Pacific terminals. General Hodges, who has kept in close touch with the situation caused as a result of the great slide, talked of the problem confronting General Goethals.

For the benefit of the public it is stated that the slide was not a sudden event, the length of the channel obstructed being about 1,300 feet. The width at the worst point has been reduced to about twenty-five feet and the depth to between three and fifteen feet. The slide was about 1,300 feet at the point where the trouble is, and it is 300 feet and the depth forty-five feet. These figures indicate the size of the problem confronting General Goethals and his men.

FIND CAUSE OF PELLAGRA.

To prove the contention of Dr. Joseph Goldberger, a surgeon in the United States public health service, that pellagra is caused by a one-sided diet, consisting of cornmeal, to the exclusion of protein, twelve prisoners in the Missouri state penitentiary, six months ago volunteered to be spaced out on a diet of cornmeal and molasses. State health officers now announce that all of the men developed pellagra and all of them showed symptoms.



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LOCAL NEWS OF TOWN AND DISTRICT

IN OUR STATE RESPONSE

Our Edwards will spend Christmas at Minneapolis.

J. P. Allison came back from Calgary on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blair left last week on their trip to Ottawa.

R. McDougall will spend Christmas at Medicine Hat.

L. L. McDonald, of Blackie, spent the week-end with E. McDougall.

Mayor D. M. Leyden and Mrs. Leyden left on Saturday for Ottawa.

Principal Joynt is leaving on Friday for Calgary and will be away two weeks.

J. W. Taylor, of Carleton Place, is visiting his parents and will spend Christmas here.

R. Vail brought in a load of Christmas trees this week. Phil Wallin is handling them.

The Royal Neighbors will give a dance at the Opera House on New Year's eve.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. McInnis is still in the Calgary hospital, but it is hoped she will soon be strong enough to come home.

The calendar given by Messrs. Moore & Brown are very fine and there is a rush for them. They were all gone by Tuesday.

The Red Cross fund received \$29.25 and the Patriotic Fund \$10 from the Biskupid School dance committee.

Mr. Forman, from the Porcupine hills made his periodical visit to town this week for the usual grub stake.

C. B. Snyder is expected home from Madoc hospital this week. He has recovered from the severe lacer he received some time ago.

Willow Creek is being well patronized by the young people these days. The skating is fine and when the holidays are along it makes a pretty scene.

Grain shippers, when asked if the condition caused by the shortage of cars was getting better or worse, were decidedly of the opinion that it was getting worse.

The Western Canada Lumber Co. are giving away a free book of plans and specifications. The book is well got up and has valuable information for those intending to build houses or barns.

Last Friday, the staff of the Bank of Commerce gave a dance in the hall above the bank, to the young people. "A nice little time," was the description given by a young lady who was present.

A herd of Shorthorn cattle were brought in last Saturday. They brought from Messrs. Boyd & Co. of Calgary. John Daly bought a bull, John McInnis a cow and a calf and Jas. Blair a 2-year old heifer.

Church of England services will be held on Sunday next at All Saints' Church, as follows: At 11 a.m., Holy Communion, 3 p.m., Evening and address for the society people: 7:30 p.m., Evening and address. Everyone welcome.

The dance and basket social held at the Grum Belt school, last Friday, was a success considering the number of counter attractions on that date. About 20 couples were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Over \$10 was realized for the patriotic fund. At the auction sale of baskets can add for \$7.20.

Dr. W. G. Anderson and J. G. Voolough, of Invermay, went to Gratum this week on business. While in Brooks, Dr. Anderson informed us that the frogs in the Red Deer river district, after having frozen the art of swimming in the dry seasons of 1912-14, had picked it up again, and all swimmers had need a combination Australian cap and 'dog paddle' with great dexterity.—Brooks Bulletin.

J. W. Marston is able to be around again.

Principal Joynt spent the week-end at Madoc.

H. and E. B. left on Saturday for Moncton, N.B.

H. B. Tilden and family will spend Christmas at Clarendon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daly left on Saturday night for Kingston, Ont.

R. A. Richards opened a grocery and fruit store, in a building opposite the hotel, this week.

Some of the Christmas displays in the store windows are very creditable.

C. C. Waterstreet, on Monday night, started on a trip to New York State.

Mr. Wells was in Madoc this week doing some Christmas shopping.

Wm. Sherman and C. G. Marsh were at Madoc this week serving as jurymen on the Hart murder case.

Miss Marian McCartney will spend Christmas in Calgary. She will be gone from Friday till Tuesday.

Mr. Jas. A. Lemox and Miss Smith were married in Calgary on Wednesday last. They are away on a four months' honeymoon trip.

The ladies Patriotic Tea, last Saturday, at the Council chamber, netted \$17.50. The ladies in charge were Misses Clark, Richards and Garrett.

J. W. Ellis will open a shoe repairing business in the store opposite the hotel, about the beginning of the New Year. We wish him every success.

Elmer Clarke returned from his deer hunt and failed to bring back the venison. However, he has not given up hope yet. He is planning a trip east soon and hopes to get one.

A trade journal from Liverpool says: The entire world will face a clothing famine almost at once. Many of the popular weaves for men's suits have advanced 20 per cent. One of the largest houses, which usually show from 400 to 500 samples, are now only showing half a dozen. This is caused by a shortage of raw material—the shutting off of dyestuffs—a shortage of labour; weavers working on starved schedules. It will be a little rough on price-conscious people if they have to go back to big leaves.

Jas. Speakman Dies Suddenly

James Speakman, president of the United Farmers of Alberta, died suddenly at his home in Calgary on Tuesday. Death was due to heart failure, brought on by an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Speakman was elected to the presidency of the U. F. A. early this year, following the death of W. J. Teghiby. He was formerly a prominent farmer of the Canadian prairie and nearly 70 years of age.

57,000 Majority for Union

Toronto, Dec. 22—With ten Presbyterian to hear from, the vote on church union in the Presbyterian Church was 141,257 for to \$4,214 against. The total vote was as follows:

	For	Against
Maritime provinces	20,425	25,070
Ontario and Quebec	31,415	32,060
Manitoba and Saskatchewan	20,260	20,260
Alberta and British Columbia	16,210	16,210
Atlantic	9,280	1,000
Unattached	1,214	2,141
Abroad	6,000	2,000
British Columbia	6,000	2,000
Total	117,257	90,040

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